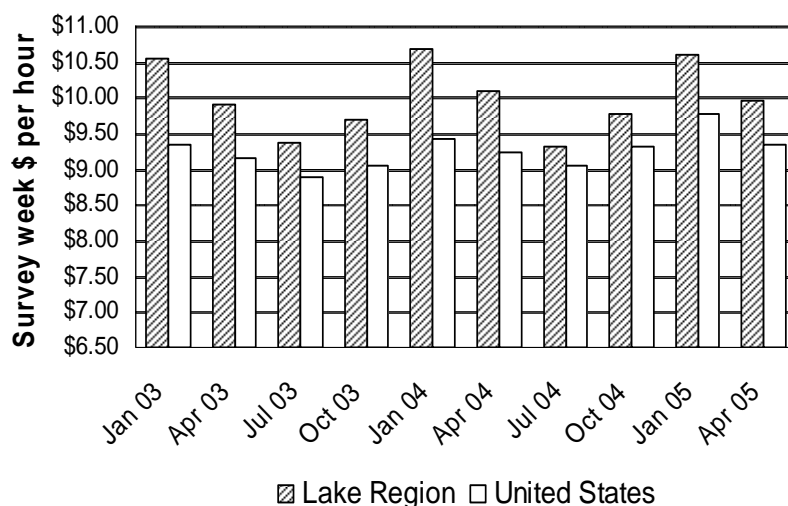


FARM LABOR

Regional and national data for hired workers, hours worked, and wage rates are published quarterly. Minnesota is included in the Lake Region which also includes Michigan and Wisconsin. Information from the Farm Labor report is used to determine farm labor's effect on production costs, evaluate the impact of wage rate changes, and to define the nation's need for farm labor.

Farm Labor estimates are made at the U.S. and regional levels in January, April, July, and October for the week including the 12th of the month. State level wage rate information is available annually for the October survey period.

WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS Excluding Agricultural Service Workers



HIRED WORKERS 1/: Annual Average Wage Rates, Minnesota 2000-2004

Year	All Hired	Field	Field & Livestock
<u>Dollars per Hour</u>			
2000	8.91	8.67	8.38
2001	9.53	9.90	9.26
2002	9.73	9.76	9.12
2003	10.23	9.80	9.56
2004	10.93	10.13	10.02

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

FARM LABOR: Farm Workers and Wages by Type of Work, Lake Region, 2003-2005 1/

Year and Month	Hired Workers and Hours Worked				Wages, Type of Work			
	Number of Workers	Expected To Be Employed		Number of Hours Worked	All Hired	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less					
	-----	<u>1,000 Workers</u>		<u>Hours</u>	-----	<u>Dollars Per Hour</u>		
2003								
January	45	40	5	31.7	10.54	10.51	9.44	9.65
April	56	36	20	37.0	9.90	9.31	9.20	9.26
July	62	42	20	36.2	9.36	8.34	8.95	8.55
October	72	45	27	37.7	9.70	9.25	9.11	9.20
2004								
January	50	43	7	34.2	10.68	10.11	9.41	9.60
April	57	43	14	35.5	10.10	9.20	9.95	9.60
July	69	40	29	36.4	9.30	8.29	9.13	8.55
October	72	43	29	39.7	9.77	9.06	9.51	9.20
2005								
January	43	37	6	34.0	10.61	9.65	9.67	9.66
April	55	38	17	34.8	9.95	8.99	10.05	9.45

1/ Farm Workers excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Lake Region includes Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin.